

Town of Kingston Springs - City Commission Minutes

- 1 Mayor Corlew called the April 19, 2007 Kingston Springs City Commission meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Laurie Cooper	Present
Gary Corlew	Present
Larry Craig	Present
Ray Crouch, Sr.	Present
Debbie Finch	Present
Pam Lorenz	Present
Chuck Sleighter	Present
Richard Swafford	Present

- 2 The City Commission minutes for the March 15, 2007 meeting have been circulated.

Corrections to the minutes:

There were no corrections.

Motion to Approve:

Commissioner Sleighter

Second:

Commissioner Lorenz

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

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3 Commissioners announcements:

- Commissioner Lorenz thanked the Fire Department for a great Banquet Dinner and stated that the parks were awesome and being used.
- Commissioner Sleighter stated that the new park pavilion was really nice and was drawing the people.
- Commissioner Swafford stated that he was receiving lots of good response about the parks.
- Mayor Corlew thanked all city employees for doing a great job and presented those present with a bonus check.
- Commissioner Sleighter stated that the city had a great bunch of employees and that he appreciated all that they do.
- Commissioner Lorenz stated that this was a good way to thank employees.
- Mrs. Cooper thanked Scott Sampson, Bob Gupton and Doris Neil who were present for doing a great job. She stated that Scott had the parks looking better than they have in 16 years. She also stated that Mr. Gupton did a great job and wears multiple hats. Mrs. Cooper stated that Doris does an excellent job of running the front office and that we hate to see her take vacation.

4 Community Input:

- Gary Binkley, Director of the Chamber of Commerce asked the board to remember the chamber during the budget process.

5 The department reports were circulated:

- Mrs. Cooper stated that she had hired a new building inspector. His name is Phil Buma. Mrs. Cooper stated that Mr. Buma had embraced the job in the few days that he had been employed and that he was very sharp.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that the K-9 had been purchased.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that the police department has solved two theft rings and deserved an applause.
- Mrs. Cooper thanked Mayor Corlew for overseeing the construction of the new park pavilion.

Motion to approve as circulated:

Commissioner Sleighter

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Second:

Commissioner Lorenz

Discussion:

There was no discussion

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

6 Update by the City Manager:

- Mrs. Cooper stated that the 3rd meeting for the "Towns Master Plan" had been held. The same presentation was given at all three meetings. The next four meetings will be about planning.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that there would be a budget meeting, April 26th at 6:00 pm.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that she had tried to reach Senator Kurita and Representative Johnson regarding the vending law. At this time she has not reached Senator Kurita and got interrupted when talking to Representative Johnson. She will follow up.

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7 Old Business:

7A Update on Sprinkler Ordinance/Fire Hydrant:

- Mrs. Cooper presented the board with information that has been researched regarding the sprinklers.
- Commissioner Crouch thanked the Advocate for the great article, it showed both sides fairly.
- Commissioner Crouch stated that the city wanted to be a team player. He also stated the following:

The problem with Second South Cheatham Utility was that they over reacted to every law that has come down including the sprinkler ordinance.

Second South Cheatham has a low water flow in some areas and they could make upgrades to these areas by charging high fees for the sprinkler installation.

Commissioner Crouch does not regret passing the sprinkler ordinance and does not feel it will slow growth.

Unprofessional of the water department not to have specifications for the sprinklers.

- Commissioner Lorenz stated that she did not want the town to take the water department over. That the board needed to try everything first and to be professional.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that a meeting with both boards had been scheduled for 9:30 am at the water department.

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8 New Business:

8A Resolution 07-001 - A Resolution requesting AT&T to enter into cable franchise negotiations in the Town of Kingston Springs.

Motion:

Commissioner Crouch made a motion to approve Resolution 07-001.

Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

Discussion:

No discussion

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

8B Award of Bid for small dump truck:

Mrs. Cooper stated that the town had received one bid. The bid was from Specialty Auto Sales for \$19,500.

Motion:

Commissioner Lorenz made a motion to award the bid to Specialty Auto Sales.

Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

Discussion:

No discussion

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

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Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

8C Ron Miller - Harpeth Hills Drive (Sewer Hook Up):

- Mr. Miller came before the board to request a refund for their sewer charges. The house Mr. Miller lives in was built in 1988 and was never hooked up to the sewer system. Mr. Miller has paid monthly sewer charges. There was a pump installed but not wired and the septic tank was never hooked up. Mr. Miller feels they are due a refund for the eight years they have been there. His average sewer bill is \$24.00 a month.
- Mr. Craig suggested that Mr. Miller turn in a formal request to the city manager. He also requested that staff furnish him with easements. He stated for the record that there are statute of limitations.

8D Aram Gupta - Moore's Circle - requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 15 miles per hour and that signs be posted in three places:

- Commissioner Crouch suggested that the board defer this action until after the construction is complete. He felt this would resolve the problem.
- Mayor Corlew recommended that they reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hours.

Motion:

Commissioner Lorenz made a motion to change the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

Second:

Commissioner Crouch

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

8E Building Safety Week 2007 - Art Ashbury

Art Ashbury of Pegram had sent material for the board to review and requested that they pass a proclamation for building safety week for 2007.

Motion:

Commissioner Crouch made the motion for discussion

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Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

Discussion:

Commissioner Crouch stated that this was a self-serving for profit organization in the present form and he was opposed to the proclamation.

Those in favor of the motion:

Those opposed to the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

The motion passed / failed:

The motion failed.

8F **Discussion -Abandonment of part of the alley behind the Methodist Church:**

The Methodist Church would like to abandoned a portion of the alley for future growth.

- Attorney Larry Craig stated that utility easements would have to remain. This would require an ordinance and a public hearing. He suggested that the heirs of the Linder family be invited to the hearing. Mr. Craig also suggested that Mr. Gupton find and mark the right of way.
- Commissioner Crouch would like to get an easement from the Church of Christ for legal access to the Library and then abandon the entire alley with the exception of utility easements.

Motion:

Commissioner Crouch made a motion that it was the intent of the commission to proceed with the closing of the alley.

Second:

Commissioner Lorenz

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

8G **Discussion - Employee Sick Days**

Mrs. Cooper requested that the work policy be amended. Changing the sick leave from 1/2 day to 1 day.

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Motion:

Commissioner Crouch

Second:

Commissioner Swafford

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

8H Election Date:

Mrs. Cooper stated that the state had not taken action to date.

It was the recommendation of the board to take no action and place the election date on the agenda for next month.

9 Planning Commission Update:

Mrs. Cooper reported a plat approval on Harpeth View Trail and discussion on myths on sub-division.

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10 Other:

- Mrs. Cooper reported that the new Joint Economic Community Planner has come under fire for enforcing the law. She has been a victim of character assassination, physical threats and lies from home builders.

Mrs. Cooper stated that the Joint Economic Community Planner is the best thing since sliced bread. She feels that the planner is doing an excellent job and that the Town of Kingston Springs supports her.

Motion:

Commissioner Crouch made a motion to have the city manager send a letter to the County Mayor and the (3) newspapers stating the towns support.

Second:

Commissioner Lorenz

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Crouch, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

- Mrs. Cooper stated that construction had started on the water lines on Main Street. The contracts, performance and payment bonds for the road work were in place.

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- 11 **Motion to adjourn:**
Commissioner Crouch

Second:
Commissioner Sleighter

The meeting is adjourned at 8:28 PM by Mayor Corlew.

- 12 **Signatures:**

Mayor, Gary Corlew _____

Recorder, Debbie K. Finch _____